

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for determining the ILS date for any particular ship upgrade or alteration, said method comprising the steps of:

- 5           generating change documents for correcting at least some perceived problems associated with a particular type of equipment associated with at least one ship;
- 10           associating with each said change document the identities of one or more ships having said particular type of equipment;
- scheduling at least one of said ships having said particular type of equipment for ship upgrade at a particular date;
- 15           obtaining from material vendors a promised delivery date for delivery of each alteration kit associated with each ship upgrade;
- 20           selecting a particular ship upgrade for which the ILS date is desired;
- for said selected ship upgrade, selecting that one of said promised dates which is most remote in time; and
- 25           deeming said one of said promised dates to be said ILS date.